

Andi Hamamoto Kowal

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December 26, 2023

Mayor Gracey Van DerMark  
Mayor Pro Tem Pat Burns  
Council Member Rhonda Bolton  
Council Member Dan Kalmick  
Council Member Casey McKeon  
Council Member Natalie Moser  
Council Member Tony Stickland  
2000 Main Street  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

Dear Huntington Beach City Council Members,

As we enter into the 120<sup>th</sup> year of the Huntington Beach Independence Day Parade and Celebration, I am filled with gratitude that I have had the privilege of volunteering with the executive board for this legacy community wide event since 2010.

Over the years, I have successfully worked with my fellow board members, city staff, city departments, city council, vendors, press, and selfless community volunteers as we navigated preserving the integrity of the home-town ethos, uncertainty of pandemic times, and the return of our world-class large-scale event, keeping it The Largest Independence Day Celebration West of the Mississippi.

I am inspired by the league of volunteers who have advocated, protected, and fostered the home town legacy of the event over the past 120 years. Their dedication and commitment to serving and volunteering are examples I strive to emulate and I hope that this spirit encourages and inspires the next generations of volunteers.

A few years ago, I had the honor of being elected Chair of the executive board by my fellow hard-working volunteers.

Like so many of us in the community, I grew up riding my bike down Main Street to see the pageantry, celebration, and home-town community on display. Working tirelessly throughout the year as a volunteer has been an incredible way to serve my home-town, community, and tradition.

It would be an honor to continue serving another term as a volunteer executive board member.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Andi Hamamoto Kowal